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Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item #3

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

January 12, 2022

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Fowlkes **Seconded By:** Mr. Johnsen
Action: Motion carried, unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: “Roger Ralph Kus Memorial Bridge”

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Wise County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated October 14, 2021, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the dedicated life and service to the Commonwealth of Virginia of Mr. Roger Ralph Kus, name the bridge on State Route 72, Dungannon Road, over the Guest River, Wise County as the “Roger Ralph Kus Memorial Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, Wise County, by resolution dated October 14, 2021 and by letter dated November 17, 2021, has agreed to pay the cost of fabrication, installation, and future maintenance of the signs calling attention to this naming; and

WHEREAS, § 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the CTB and requires that the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located or by the private entity whose name is attached to the transportation facility so named.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the bridge on State Route 72, Dungannon Road, over the Guest River, Wise County as the “Roger Ralph Kus Memorial Bridge”; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to produce, place, and maintain the signs calling attention to this naming, and secure payment from Wise County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief
Bridge Naming: “Roger Ralph Kus Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on State Route 72, Dungannon Road, over the Guest River, Wise County as the “Roger Ralph Kus Memorial Bridge”.

Facts: Wise County enacted a resolution on October 14, 2021 to show their appreciation and respect for, and to honor honor the life and dedicated service to the Commonwealth of Virginia, of Roger Ralph Kus of Coeburn, Virginia, Wise County, Virginia.

According to the Wise County resolution:

Mr. Kus worked for the Virginia Department of Transportation with a total of 44 years and 10 months of dedicated service at the Wise Residency. He enjoyed serving the citizens of Wise and Dickenson Counties during his time with the Department. Roger began as an hourly employee and worked his way up to Area Supervisor in Dickenson County. At the time of his passing, Roger was the senior employee with the Wise Residency.

He also loved racing cars and was very active as a car inspector with the Lonesome Pine Rach Track in Coeburn, Virginia. Mr. Kus passed away on January 18, 2021 due to complications from COVID-19.

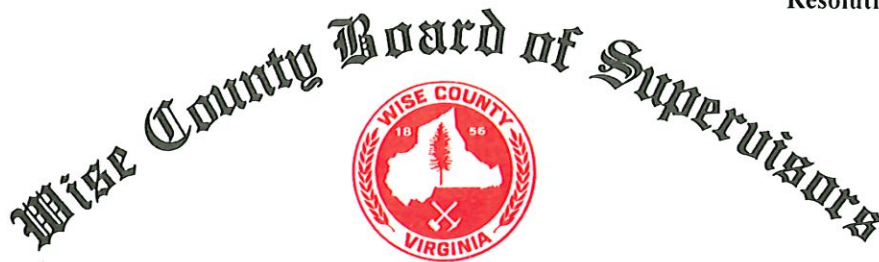
Recommendations: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recommends this request be approved.

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority of the CTB members to approve a resolution naming a highway or bridge, as appropriate. A resolution will be provided for the Board’s consideration.

Result if Approved: The bridge on State Route 72, Dungannon Road, over the Guest River, Wise County will be known as the “Roger Ralph Kus Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law and by resolution and letter, Wise County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: VDOT is not aware of any opposition to this proposal.



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RESOLUTION

ROGER RALPH KUS MEMORIAL BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the Wise County Board of Supervisors is extremely proud of its citizens, both past and present; and

WHEREAS, Roger Ralph Kus, a resident of Coeburn, Virginia, was born in Cleveland, Ohio on July 17, 1954, and died on January 18, 2021, due to complications from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Roger Ralph Kus worked for the Virginia Department of Transportation with a total of 44 years and 10 months of dedicated service working at the Wise Residency Virginia Department of Transportation as a senior employee. He enjoyed serving the citizens of Wise and Dickenson Counties during his time with the Department. Roger began as an hourly employee and worked his way up to Area Supervisor in Dickenson County, Virginia. At the time of his passing, Roger was the senior employee within the Wise Residency Virginia Department of Transportation.

WHEREAS, Roger Ralph Kus loved racing cars and was very active as a car inspector with the Lonesome Pine Race Track in Coeburn, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Roger Ralph Kus was a hard worker and dedicated to his family and Wise County, Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wise County Board of Supervisors wishes to show its sincere appreciation and respect for Roger Ralph Kus and respectfully requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Virginia Department of Transportation to formally designate and name the bridge located within one mile of Roger's home, known as Bridge #1058 located on Route 72 in the Coeburn area of Wise County, which he crossed daily while serving the public of Virginia, as the "**Roger Ralph Kus Memorial Bridge**" to commemorate and honor Roger Ralph Kus and allow permanent signs to be erected to recognize this honor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Wise shall pay all associated expenses in fabricating and future maintenance of the signs.

ADOPTED this the 14th day of October 2021.

ATTEST:

WISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


Michael W. Hatfield, Clerk


J.H. Rivers, Chairman

Wise County Board of Supervisors



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November 17, 2021

Virginia Department of Transportation
Wise Residency
Attn: Glenn M. Cantrell, Eng. Tech., Sr. – Permits
703 Hurricane Road, NE
Wise, VA 24293

Re: Bridge Naming Requests

Dear Mr. Cantrell:

This is to confirm that the Wise County Board of Supervisors agrees to pay for the fabrication, installation, and future maintenance for the signage for the following bridge naming:

“Roger Ralph Kus Memorial Bridge” – Resolution adopted October 14, 2021

If you should need anything further in this matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Hatfield
County Administrator

MWH/a/memorial bridge maintenance letter

Proposed Bridge Naming

Proposed: "Roger Ralph Kus Memorial Bridge"

GPS: 36.554560, -82.272589

Route 72 - Dungannon Road

Structure Number: 1058

Over: Guest River

Legend

-  Proposed Bridge to be named

